

**Rejection f Claim 18 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)**

The reference only teaches the possibility of the use of contrast agents and not that such was done. The reference does not even teach or suggest the outcome of the alleged use of a contrast agent in the context of mammography. Furthermore, there is absolutely no example in the reference of such use. Thus, there can not be anticipation.

**Rejection of Claims 18-45 Under 35 U.S.C. §103**

The claims are rejected over the combination of 8 different prior art references. No teaching or suggestion is present in those references for their combination in a way that would motivate a skilled artisan toward the claimed invention.

The Office Action alleges that both Galkin and Nitecki teach the use of a contrast agent for mammography. While these references may mention mammography among a whole variety of applications, and/or may mention contrast agents among a whole variety of possibilities, they only do so in a general sense. Thus, these references do not provide sufficient instruction to lead one of skill in the art to use a contrast agent for mammography in accordance with the claimed invention. For example, one of skill in the art knows that the breast is a fat containing tissue with a low amount of vessels. Thus, one of skill would not be motivated to use a contrast agent that show vessels, but not fat tissue. The secondary references only each teach specific contrast agents without any motivation to their use in mammography. The claimed invention is therefore not obvious from the teachings of the cited references.

**Information Disclosure Statement**

Applicants also submit an Information Disclosure Statement along with the application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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